

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 90  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Charlie Ray Smith upon his receipt for the meritorious service Award and his exemplary service to Tennessee juvenile justice system.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Charlie Ray Smith, who was presented with the Meritorious Service Award at the annual joint conference of the Tennessee Council of Family and Juvenile Court Judges and the Tennessee Juvenile Court Services Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was one of only five persons who was recognized for displaying the highest levels of professionalism in the juvenile justice arena; the awards were given at the conference, which is the longest running and most attended state-level juvenile justice conference in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith serves the Williamson County Juvenile Court as supervisor/manager, in which position he has earned the respect and admiration of his peers, supervisors and clients alike for the exemplary quality of his work; his substantial experience in,

and vast knowledge of, the juvenile justice system are an invaluable resource to those who are blessed by working with Mr. Smith; and

WHEREAS, a leader of the highest merit, Charlie Ray Smith has been a member of the Tennessee Juvenile Court Services Association since 1976 and has provided guidance and direction to that organization as a member of its Legislative Committee, Bylaws Committee, Planning Committee, and the executive board; he was also one of the authors of the grant that creates the directorship of the Tennessee Juvenile Court Services Association; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work in the juvenile justice system, Mr. Smith finds time to lend his remarkable talents to such notable causes as the Boy Scouts of America; a devoted mentor and role model for the youth of his community, he has been recognized with the Silver Beaver Award and the Long Rifle Award for his substantial, praiseworthy service to the Scouts; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Charlie Ray Smith for his dedication to the state of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Charlie Ray Smith for his meritorious service to the young people of Tennessee, congratulate him upon receiving the TCJFCJ/TJCSA Meritorious Service Award, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.